

Chicago Heights Comments 10-25-12

- Good Evening and thank you for being here
- My name is Belinda Young and I'm with the Environmental Protection Agency where I serve as a Community Involvement Coordinator.
- If you received one of the flyers announcing this evening's meeting, you will notice that I am the contact person for additional questions or concerns or for referral.
- To quickly move through this portion, I'd like to first acknowledge elected officials or their representatives that have joined us this evening.
- Thank you for being here.
- Representatives from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry are also here with us.
- Comments provided at this evening's meeting will be documented. EPA began a 30-day public comment period that runs from October 18 – November 19, 2012. The comment period is related to an agreement between EPA and PerkinElmer, Inc., to address contamination in this area.
- Information on the agreement can be found at the St. Louis County Library, Mid-County Library, Indian Trails Library, and at the EPA Region 7 Records Center. Information is also available on the EPA Region 7 website at www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/chicago_heights
- The facilitator for this evening's meeting is Shawn Grindstaff, from EPA Region 7.

- The meeting will begin with a presentation by David Hoefer, Regional Counsel on the legal agreement, followed by a presentation by Dan Gravatt on the Status update for the site.
- We ask that you hold your questions during the presentations so that we can document your comments and questions accurately.
- A court reporter is available to document comments, so we ask that you state your name and comments clearly. We have microphones available to make sure you are heard.
- If you didn't get a chance to sign in on one of the blue cards at the table as you came in, please let me know and we will make one available for you. It is not our intent to overlook anyone. We are in the process of building our mailing list and contact information, so if you want to be added to our contact list, please make sure you fill out one of the blue cards.
- The meeting this evening is part of our community involvement process. We want you to know that we care about your concerns and comments. We are here to keep you well informed. We are here to listen carefully to what you are saying, so, we ask that you get involved in the process.
- Many Region 7 communities decide to get involved and they use our Community Advisory Group or CAG concept. As a community group, a CAG would serve as a liaison between EPA and the community to bring the concerns of the community to EPA. So there are many ways you can become involved in the process to let EPA know your needs.
- At this point, I will turn the meeting over to Shawn Grindstaff, our facilitator.